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Attached is an unexecuted application for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office, including thirty-seven (37) pages of specification, five (5) pages of claims, including claims 1-16, five (5) of which are independent, nine (9) sheets of drawings (Figures 1-6D) and an unexecuted Joint Declaration.

This application is being filed without the filing fee and with an unexecuted Joint Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.51. Accordingly, Applicants are believed to be entitled to a filing date based upon the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's receipt of the attached specification and claims. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that a filing date of July 18, 1997, be granted this application.

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